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Ajax-Pickering MPP Joe Dickson, parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, brought greetings from the province at the official opening of the MNRF fire response base at the Stanhope Airport Aug. 24.



MNRF base officially opens at Stanhope

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Years of work came to official fruition Wednesday, Aug. 24, with an opening ceremony for the new Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry fire response base at the Stanhope Airport.

Some 60 MNRF staff who work from the building actually moved into the \$12-million, 17,000-square-foot facility in April.

Many of them had previously worked at the fire response base in Haliburton Village, but the new building puts all area MNRF fire response employees under one roof.

"We've made some investments with time, resources and money, not only in preparing

this site for this facility, but also in viable and useful growth at the airport," Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt told a crowd that included numerous MNRF fire rangers.

During the last council term, Algonquin Highlands council was able to successfully have Building Canada Fund money that had been approved for an unpopular runway project advocated by the previous council redirected to the MNRF project.

Moffatt had been the lone member of the 2006-10 Algonquin Highlands council to oppose the runway project, becoming reeve in the 2010 election.

The Building Canada Fund approval was for a project of up to \$3.5 million, to be split

three ways between the feds, provincial government and township.

As part of its agreement with the province, Algonquin Highlands performed preparatory work at the base site including the clearing of six hectares of trees and construction of new taxiways, and also completed upgrades at the airport itself.

"And it's working," Moffatt said. "As you folks know, we have a suite of new, fabulous and fully leased-out hangars, public wi-fi, new food services . . . The partnership with the province will provide guaranteed income for at least 20 years, that's what we signed up for, and we know that revenue will be a

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Boats stranded in Bob Lake

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Residents of Bob Lake say their boats are being held hostage.

Lake residents packed Minden Hills council chambers during an Aug. 25 meeting and as David Gibb explained, are upset that access to a long-used boat launch off Bob Lake Road has been blocked by the property's owners.

The launch is located on private property.

Lake residents have used the launch for at least 50 years, Gibb said, and they are looking for Minden Hills to help remedy the situation, preferably through a prescriptive easement that would guarantee residents right of way over the land.

Gibb noted that stone barricades were placed at the launch earlier this summer, after most boat owners had already put their vessels in the lake for the season.

"We ask for assurances regarding these haul-outs and further, we ask the township, to accomplish this, seek an immediate injunction for the removal of all barriers that violate our decades-old open enjoyment," Gibb told councillors. "We ask for a briefing on the state of the development, if any, of an alternative public ramp site and we expect or we hope that we will hear further on this. Finally, we ask that the township seek a prescriptive easement."

Prescriptive easements can be enforced in

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Fire rangers given warm welcome in Stanhope

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springboard for future services."

The lease agreement with the ministry will earn the township approximately \$65,000 a year.

The reeve stressed there is plenty of property still available at the airport for future development.

"If the Infrastructure Ontario people are listening, we have land available," Moffatt said. "We hope that will be a springboard for development here at the airport that is clean, useful and quiet."

Algonquin Highlands council has had discussions about constructing some kind of solar-power facility at the airport.

Moffatt thanked those involved in the project, public conversations about which have been happening since 2011.

"Lots of discussions, lots of negotiations, a few headaches here and there, but at the end of it, I'm proud to say that we came through all those discussions and it's what I would consider a true partnership, to have you guys have a new home here at the airport," she said.

Ajax-Pickering MPP Joe Dickson, parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, brought greetings on behalf of the province.

"It's a great investment and it's going to grow in the community," Dickson said. "The work that everyone does here is so important. Right across the vast province, ministry firefighters protect our communities from forest fires and it's a

job our people do very, very well."

According to Dickson, since 2003/04, MNRF fire rangers have brought 94 per cent of forest fires under control, or held at a size of less than four hectares, by noon the day following the report of the fires.

"That takes a good system, a good strategy and, quite frankly, just look around here and you'll agree with me, that it takes a great team," he said.

Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh also welcomed the MNRF fire rangers to the township.

"I just want to say, on behalf of Algonquin Highlands fire services, we want to congratulate you guys on your new building," Cavanagh said. "The Algonquin Highlands fire services as well as the fire services across Haliburton County have a great relationship with you guys here at the MNRF fire group and we're happy to have you in Algonquin Highlands and we look forward to building our relationship."

The ceremony concluded with a ribbon-cutting and was followed by tours of the facility.



Parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ajax-Pickering MPP Joe Dickson, cuts the "ribbon" at the official opening of the new ministry fire response base at Stanhope Airport Aug. 24.

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Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh welcomes MNRF fire rangers to their new home at the MNRF base at the Stanhope Airport.

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20,000 Homes Campaign registry week reveals a few surprises

by ANGELA LONG
Times Staff

On Aug. 26, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County released the results of the 20,000 Homes Campaign registry week during a community debrief at Coboconk Community Centre. Between Aug. 22 and Aug. 24, nearly 40 volunteers and professional staff surveyed those who identified themselves as experiencing homelessness or without permanent housing throughout the service agencies, food banks, parks, and libraries of the region.

According to the Registry Week – Community Debrief, the goal of the survey, called the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool, or SPDAT, was to evaluate and improve existing programs and services while continuing to lobby and educate about homelessness, conduct further research, and assist survey participants in finding permanent homes. The survey will also provide a template for assessing homelessness in the future.

In an email to the paper, CEO of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation Hope Lee says, "Our intention is to have all agencies involved with the homeless population trained in the survey tool we used – called the SPDAT – so that we have a common assessment tool and a way to

prioritize the most vulnerable."

Registry week revealed a few surprises for Lee, including the number of individuals found struggling with homelessness in the area. Throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, a total of 112 people participated in the survey. Twenty-six individuals were identified as in need of immediate housing in Haliburton County. The local goal is to house 24 people by the campaign's cut-off date.

Nearly 80 per cent of individuals surveyed throughout the region called places such as rooming houses, trailers, motels, and couches home. Six individuals reported living without any form of shelter, while 17 accessed the sole shelter in the region, A Place Called Home – a 19-bed facility in Lindsay that more than 200 people access annually. Nearly half those surveyed experienced what's known as "chronic homelessness" – six or more months within the last year without any form of permanent housing – living an average of 2.25 years without a place to call home.

The majority of participants, 58 per cent, identified as male. The highest percentage of participants, nearly 50 per cent, identified as between the ages of 25 to 49. Fifteen per cent were over 60 years of age. Twenty-four per cent identified as Aboriginal or as having Aboriginal ancestry.

Lee was also surprised by the number of times participants

relied on emergency rooms and ambulances, with 81 visiting the ER 246 times in the last six months, and 31 requiring an ambulance 58 times.

Not only does homelessness compromise physical health, the survey revealed the cost to an individual's sense of well being, another worrisome result for Lee. Forty-two per cent of the participants responded "they have no planned activities other than just surviving that makes them feel happy or fulfilled," says Lee.

Such numbers indicate the region needs to take immediate action, she says. "The results clearly show that doing nothing is using costly resources and not providing much of a quality of life for these individuals."

Next steps will consider both cost-effectiveness and life quality. A 20K Homes Housing First Working Group has already been assigned to continue what registry week started.

"Registry week was just a starting point, a kick start to a permanent database we will maintain," Lee says. "This isn't the end, it's the beginning."

For a complete list of statistics and more information, stay tuned to the 20,000 Homes City of Kawartha Lake and Haliburton County Facebook page: www.20kHomesCKLH.ca or Twitter @20KHomesCKLH.

Company to install high-speed Internet starting this fall

North Frontenac Telephone Company will be starting work to build a fibre optic network in downtown Haliburton businesses starting this fall.

The company's representative Grant Roughley told the paper that crews would begin work this fall making available direct fibre connections to downtown businesses in Haliburton Village.

The fibre will be installed down the main street of Haliburton and through the industrial park, capturing most of the businesses in the village core.

This represents Phase 1 of North Frontenac's plan to potentially extend the high-speed network to the entire village.

"At this point, there's been a lot of feedback from the economic development corporation and private business owners about the urgency of getting access to reliable high-speed Internet and it also fits with part of the overall distribution plan," Roughley said.

At the same time as fibre-optic wire is being installed in Haliburton, the village of Minden will be undergoing mapping and a financial viability analysis, he said.

"We are moving ahead with our mapping out of a first phase build and financial viability analysis of Minden starting with the business area similar to the approach we're proceeding with in Haliburton," he said.

The company's hope, if a financial analysis is positive, is to have Minden started in its own downtown build by the end of the year. A potential third phase is to extend the network through the residential parts of both villages, which Roughley said is the long-term plan for North Frontenac.

Roughley met with staff and municipal representatives from Dysart et al on Monday to share the news.

"We're excited about it because it looks like it's going to happen very quickly here ... and businesses desperately need all the advantages they can get and high speed is very important," said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"The core area where this is being done is going to be huge for both the downtown businesses and some of the industrial parts. So, we're excited."

A fibre optic network sends information through light impulses over glass or plastic fibre, which can be much faster than copper wire, which DSL Internet uses.

For those sending and receiving file transfers, doing video conferencing or even conducting regular business, fibre could make things much easier and faster, he said.

"Even things like business transactions ... will speed up significantly."

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Extra cost for Parkside extension

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Aug. 25 meeting of Minden Hills council.

An extension of Parkside Street to accommodate an affordable housing complex being constructed by the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation near the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena will cost more than initially anticipated.

A report from the township's roads superintendent reads that due to the discovery of two patches of peat in the area where the road construction is to occur, it's anticipated the cost to be more than originally forecast.

Minden Hills will spend \$300,000 on the project and it had been estimated the road construction would cost about \$70,000.

"Staff have not calculated the additional cost for the removal of the peat material as the design has not been finalized, however, staff anticipate that it will be an added cost," the report reads.

Occupants are scheduled to move into the 12-unit building in 2017.

Long-term plan for Scotch Line

Minden Hills will hire Peterborough-based consulting and engineering firm Cambium Inc. to draft a 25-year plan for the Scotch Line landfill.

The plan will address such issues as hazardous waste disposal, an enhanced re-use facility and adoption of new technologies.

"Landfills . . . they are expensive to run," said Reeve Brent Devolin, adding there are continually more requirements for municipalities to comply with. Also, with provincial climate change legislation, "I think there's a whole bunch of new things coming," Devolin said.

The plan will cost just less than \$19,000.

Culvert replacement

A collapsing culvert along Bobcaygeon Road whose condition was worsened due to the spring runoff was replaced under the township emergency stipulation of the township's procurement policy, meaning the job did not go to tender.

Fowler Construction was hired for the job, which totalled just more than \$40,000. The money will come from the roads reserve. Staff had been monitoring the culvert to ensure it wasn't a danger to the public.

Serious Boat Collision on Kushog Lake

by ANGELA LONG
Times Staff

A 37-year-old Oakville man was seriously injured after a boat collision on Kushog Lake on Aug. 26. Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to the scene at approximately 4:30 p.m. with reports of a powerboat hitting a rock cut. According to police, the boat's driver was thrown from the boat onto the face of the rock cut after suddenly losing control of the vessel. The serious nature of his injuries required a transfer from the local hospital to a Toronto-area hospital by helicopter.

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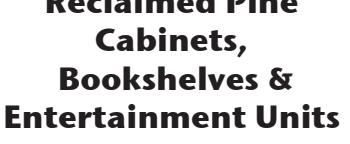
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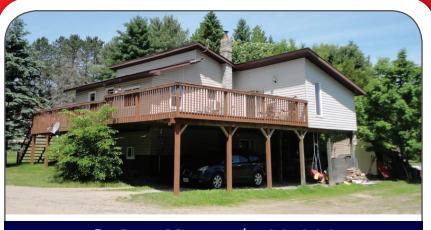
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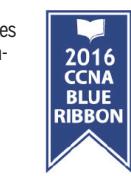
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Launches and liabilities

THE SITUATION that's unfolded at Bob Lake, just south of Minden, during the summer is a mess.

Earlier this season, residents discovered that, after numerous boats had been put in the lake for the year, access to a long-used boat launch was blocked with a wall of large rocks.

The boat launch, although it's been the main point of access to the lake for its residents for at least the past couple of generations, is actually located on private property.

For years, many, including the local government, were under the impression the launch was publicly owned. The property owners, who are selling the property, have decided they would prefer residents launch their boats elsewhere.

But with no publicly owned boat launch on Bob Lake, it leaves residents with few options.

And their boats stranded in the water.

This seems unfair and it's certainly easy to empathize with cottagers who, doing the same thing they've done for years and years, showed up at the ramp earlier this season and unsuspectingly launched their boats.

However, all stories have two sides. Usually more.

According to the property owner, the situation stems from an incident last summer, where a boat owner whose boat had gotten loose at the launch told him the launch was unsafe.

"I don't need the liability," the owner told me on the phone last

week.

In an age where lawsuits get launched over bad haircuts and hot coffee, one can also see where he is coming from.

Along with a chain barrier, he said he put up a sign explaining the situation and that after the sign was twice ripped down, he resorted to the rocks.

Enter Minden Hills township, which has been called upon by lake residents to do something and which has been seeking legal advice and exploring options.

There is no easy solution here and whatever the eventual solution is, it will likely cost a great deal of money, time, possibly both, on behalf of the township or lake residents, possibly both.

The simplest solution would be for residents to collectively purchase the

property. However, that would also of course be expensive, particularly given that the lake's at-capacity status means the launch cannot be severed from the rest of the property.

There is a legal route where, because of what residents say is decades of unchallenged use of the property, a prescriptive easement could be issued that would guarantee access.

That could also be expensive and, according to the reeve, probably take at least a couple of years to come to fruition.

In the meantime, as summer draws to a close, it would seem reasonable for the property owner to remove the rock barricade to at least allow Bob Lake residents to remove their boats for this year.



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bad – but only if jalapeño peppers are part of the mix. Then it's just the natural thing to say anyway.

Forget the tactical aspect; pickled eggs are also just tasty. As a result, anyone who brings pickled eggs to camp is viewed as a bit of a hero. They're fantastic to put out while playing cards or sitting around telling old hunting stories or reminiscing about our youth. Better still, because of those pickled eggs, we're never sure if someone is getting sentimental about those stories or if their eyes are just watering from the aftermath of consumption. And that's a good thing too.

That's why I plan on sharing all the pickled eggs I take to camp this year. I want to make sure we all have a blast.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

KWARKY



"WRITER'S BLOCK, MISS. I DIDN'T READ THE BOOK."

The pickled eggs option

THE OTHER DAY, it occurred to me that duck camp was right around the corner. This thought caused me to go through the checklist of things I need to organize before late-September comes. They are licences, firearms, ammunition, calls, blinds, hunting clothes, boots, waders, GPS units, decoys, batteries, cameras, SD cards, boat, motor, camo cloth and pickled eggs.

Of all these, pickled eggs are perhaps the most important.

A lot of newcomers to the sport don't know this. I believe this is partly because we live in a politically correct world where we try to shelter people. Also, we are trying to discourage proliferation.

Yet, ignoring the fact that pickled eggs exist is a huge mistake.

First, having pickled eggs on hand ensures that your experience at camp is as it should be. Walk into any camp and flash a jar or two of these and people will think twice before they short sheet your bed or decide to take the top bunk from you.

Basically, pickled eggs are the hunt camp version of a nuclear deterrent. You might never have to use them, but as long as the other members of camp know you have them, they'll treat you with a little more respect.

This year, I plan of going to duck camp for about a week. As a result, I only made 24 pickled eggs. Two dozen is a nice number to have in your arsenal. It shows that you are serious but you are not too bent on total destruction. As per last year's pact, I did not add jalapeño peppers to the mix. Everyone at camp has agreed we'd rather not open up the chemical warfare option



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Yellow jackets and EpiPens

THEIR WORK for the year almost done, the yellow jacket wasps now have time to explore human spaces, and the leftovers they contain.

There is much to explore. Fruit is ripening on the trees and bushes. The last of the sugary summer drinks are being spilled on decks and patios. The wasps are out in large numbers, tasting it all.

We appear to be heading into a record fall wasp season. Yellow jackets seem to be everywhere already, especially if they make you nervous.

Most people have little reason to worry about wasps, provided they resist the urge to swat them, and avoid their nests. But for some people the hyper-activity of autumn yellow jackets is the season of fear.

Large wasp populations are likely the result of a milder winter. More queens than usual lived through it. Wasps die off during the winter, except for some queens who live to start new colonies each spring.

My wife recently walked into a yellow jacket nest and suffered about two dozen stings. She is not allergic to their venom, thankfully. Many people who carry an EpiPen, the epinephrine injector that buys time for anyone suffering severe allergy shock.

EpiPen is the only easy-to-carry, easy and quick-to-use medicine for people who suffer severe allergy shock. This includes many children dangerously allergic to some food items, peanuts to name a common one.

EpiPen is the focus of a yet another pricing scandal in the United States. Profit greed has tripled the price of the life-saving device in the U.S. Mylan Pharmaceuticals, which acquired the EpiPen rights in 2007, has increased its price by more than 400 per cent.

The drug epinephrine itself costs only pennies. The EpiPen allows for super fast, uncomplicated delivery. You simply take it from its plastic case and jab it against

your thigh.

So if you live in the U.S., have a severe allergy to stings, or have a child with a food allergy, you have to cough up at least \$600 U.S. The pens expire after 12 months.

Teresa Voght Lisek, interviewed for the Mother Nature Network, said her husband and two children each have severe allergies. She says that extra pens must be kept in several locations in case of emergency. Buying enough to cover them safely would cost \$5,600.

The cost of one EpiPen in Ontario is just over \$100 Canadian plus provincial tax. Our health-care system protects us from any outrageous price increase like the one in the States, but don't be shocked if someone finds a loophole.

The U.S. price of an EpiPen was \$57 when Mylan acquired it nine years ago.

Mylan's EpiPen price increases mean that some people simply cannot afford to buy the protection. They are left to take their chances. Meanwhile, Mylan's chief, Heather Bresch, 47, received \$19 million in compensation last year for doing such a great job.

She is unapologetic about the outrageous price increases on a drug and delivery device that many people need to save their lives.

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Ms. Bresch has experience with controversy. A report by the University of West Virginia said she was awarded a business degree, 10 years after attending classes and without completing the course work because her father was West Virginia's governor. He now is a senator.

Senator and daughter might get to meet face to face in Congress. A special Senate committee has called on Mylan to appear before it to explain the price increases.

Mylan also has angered some Washington politicians for moving its headquarters to the Netherlands in 2014, a move that reduced its tax rate and prevented a takeover that its investors had favoured.

The company will not say how much it makes off EpiPen but sales of the pen exceed \$1 billion.

Meanwhile, if you want to keep wasps at bay, try this: Mix one cup of hand soap with 20 drops of peppermint oil. Top up with water and put in a spray bottle. Spray in areas wasps frequent.

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letters to the editor

What your vote means

To the Editor,

"POLITICIANS WANT TO CHANGE WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS."

Is Jamie Schmale shouting in print with this headline on his most recent mailout? "URGENT!" "RESPONSE REQUIRED."

Some have been trying to open discussions about electoral reform for some time without a lot of participation from him. Has he scheduled any town halls?

He invites a response about the need for a referendum before any change takes place. But he should open with a discussion about what our vote means. And if we need a referendum here is a suggestion that perhaps gets to the meat of

the matter.

Should all significant political parties and the people whose concerns they are sincerely trying to address be fairly represented in Parliament? Yes or No?

One expert presenter to the Electoral Reform Committee caustically chided the members about referendums saying they were elected to find the best solutions for the problems of the nation not to hold a damp finger into the wind. Is Jamie Schmale a leader or just a representative of Conservatives in this riding?

Jim Milne
Haliburton



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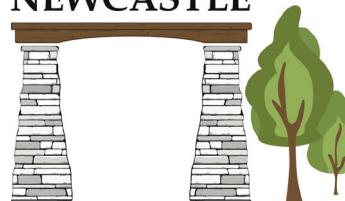
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Boat launch privately owned, users learn

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situations where there has been a minimum of 20 years of unchallenged use of a property and Gibb referenced Court of Appeal decisions he said were applicable to the Bob Lake scenario.

For decades, many residents and the township itself were under the mistaken impression that the boat launch was a public one. It was maintained by the township and advertised as a public launch on its website.

Gibb added the launch is also the natural and easiest access point to the lake for first responders.

Gibb said he realized council needed to be mindful of uniformity in conducting its business and be wary of setting precedents.

"But this is a precedent," he said. "And how the township handles this precedent is going to be watched very carefully. This is the hand that's been dealt, not by the township and not by property owners involved. We will remind you that this hand was dealt after the majority of boats were corralled in the lake. This hand must be played for the greater good and playing it falls to the township which, like everyone, has been caught off guard."

Bob Lake has some 250 properties and Gibb said about 135 property owners have been affected by the blocking of the boat launch.

"Is not government at every level obligated to enforce and uphold the rights of its citizens?" he asked. "Should there not be a moral imperative at work here? The hand that's been dealt is neither pretty nor easy, but it

must be played and with skill. We have two owners of one property who are holding 450 taxpayer owners of 250 properties hostage. Is this right? Is this just? Are we allowing that tail to wag this dog? We've paid our taxes over the years. Isn't it time now our rights are defended, upheld and enforced?"

Gibb concluded his presentation to loud applause from Bob Lake residents.

"I can tell you that in the last three months, there's been no file that's consumed more of my time or more of my attention than this one," said Reeve Brent Devolin. "I received emails and phone calls, I would say, in excess of 200."

Council has been consulting legal counsel and is looking at options.

The launch abuts a dam that, as Devolin explained to the room, was constructed by private landowners back in the logging era and which was eventually sold to the government. The MNRF-owned dam is part of the Trent-Severn Waterway feeder system.

"Unfortunately, the dam was sold only," Devolin said. "No right of access, no property associated with it, road allowances. There's nothing on paper."

The reeve said this was the first in a number of complexities surrounding the situation.

"The second complexity is that you live on a lake that's at capacity and there is no division of lots that are permissible," Devolin said. "It is a unified lot, it cannot be divided."

The property of which the boat launch is part is currently for sale.

Devolin said the township is investigating possible locations for another boat launch



The owner of a Bob Lake property long-used by lake residents to launch their boats has blocked access to the ramp. Lake residents are looking to Minden Hills council for help.
CHAD INGRAM Staff

elsewhere on the lake and the results of that investigation are not yet known.

"I'm hoping in September that that is known," he said.

There is also the legal route to enforce a right of way over the property, but according to the reeve that process is not as straightforward as some may think.

"The litigious right is not a fast one," Devolin said. "That's probably a one- to two-year process, at best. We certainly have not given that up."

After meeting with lake residents, Devolin said it seems there is no interest in property owners uniting to purchase the property.

"It has become pretty clear to me . . . that collectively you have no appetite for that," he said.

Given there are more than 100 lakes in Minden Hills township, Devolin said council has no interest in having the township purchase the property.

"The precedent of us acquiring it outright is not supported by council," he said, adding that conversations are continuing with the owners of the property and reps from the TSW. "At this time, there is no magic wand in respect to this. The litigious right in the end may be the solution. We cannot dictate what their [the property owners'] actions are. I'm as unhappy with this situation as you are." The Times contacted Michael John Hotchkiss-Earl, a Belleville resident whose family has owned the property for the past century. Hotchkiss-Earl is looking after the sale of the property on behalf of his uncle.

"I don't really feel that way," Hotchkiss-Earl said when told Bob Lake residents say their boats are being held hostage. "I'm trying to sell a piece of property."

According to Hotchkiss-Earl, the barricade at the boat launch stems from a situation that

actually began last summer, when a boat had gotten loose on a boat owner using the ramp.

"They basically told me I had an unsafe boat ramp," he said. "I don't need the liability."

Hotchkiss-Earl said he's had a no-trespassing sign on the property near the launch for about a year, but that it hasn't been heeded.

Earlier this year, he put up a chain at the launch with a sign.

"I put up a little sign explaining things," he told the paper. "As soon as I put it up, someone ripped it down and threw it on the ground."

Hotchkiss-Earl said he replaced the sign, only to find it torn down again. So he erected a barrier using pieces of flagstone.

The Times asked why the barrier couldn't be removed to at least allow Bob Lake residents to take their boats out of the lake for this year.

"Nobody's asked me to do that," Hotchkiss-Earl said. "If they pay to put the stones back . . . that's something I might consider."

On the potential sale of the property, Hotchkiss-Earl said, "I have been approached, but that would be a business question," adding he'd prefer to keep details about any potential sale to himself.

He also referenced the fact the lake is at capacity and that the township will not allow for a severance of just the boat launch from the property.

Earlier this week, Devolin told the paper that following further conversations, he's hopeful the property owners will agree to a window of time during which the stone barricades will be removed and residents will be able to remove their boats. There will be public notification if such an arrangement can be reached.

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Celebrating 50 years on Twelve Mile Lake

by SUE TIFFIN
Special to the Times

A group of cottages that haven't changed much since they were built in the late '60s sits off a trail just a few kilometres down Twelve Mile Lake Road.

Five of the cottages, nestled in the bay behind Rock Island on Twelve Mile Lake, are still owned by the original owners, or the next generation – their kids.

Though some have been raised or had indoor plumbing added or renovations done, the lakeside retreats retain the charm and solid structures they were built on after the lots were bought – some for less than \$3,000 in 1967.

After noticing the lots while cottaging with his parents that year, then-31-year-old Howard Allder purchased the land and built the cottage in large part by himself, on weekends.

"That's the way we used to do things," said Allder. "It was more sort of handymen that bought these places, and did things themselves. Now it seems you look around and see a lot of contractors doing work."

Allder, now 80, still visits the cottage from his permanent home in Aurora. The fresh air and sunshine and the view are draws for him, as they were when he started building almost 50 years ago.

"I'm almost finished," he joked. "I used to come just to work on the cottage or the grounds – there's always something to do. Now, I come just to sit."

Allder said that through the years, the kids and grandkids visiting each cottage in the bay would play together, but for the most part the families have kept to themselves.

"That's probably why we've stayed friends," he laughed.

Allder's son, Jim, had been visiting during the summer every year since he was born in the mid-'70s. Five years ago he transferred permanently to the area from Cornwall with his wife Carolyn.

"It's a totally different perspective," he said. "The time when my work is most busy, the summer, that's the time I used to be here enjoying the cottage. Now I really love the fall, when my work slows down."

Jim remembers a different time in Minden, when it was less busy and when entertainment was less driven by technology.

"I don't think we had a television," he said. "Then we had a television with whatever you got on an antenna, then eventually a VCR, now a DVD player."

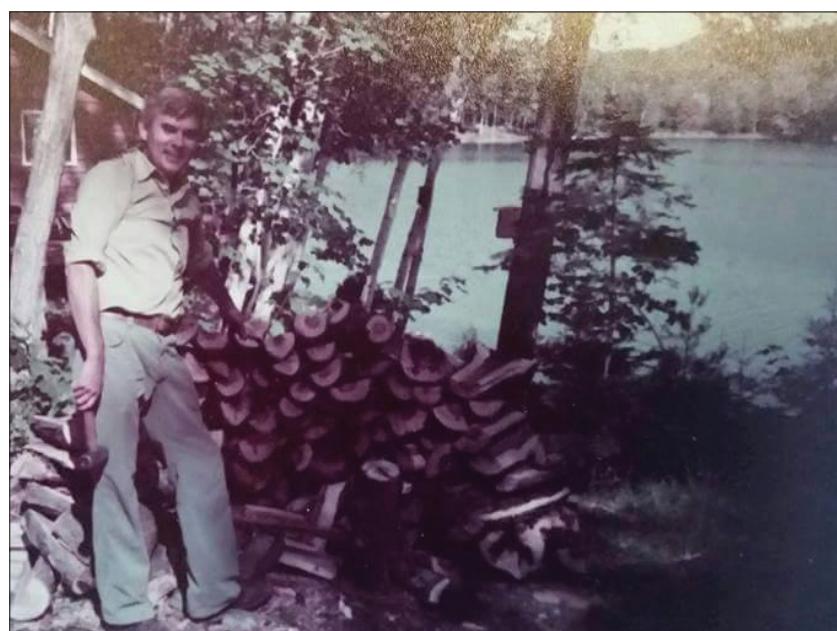
The Allders would visit the Beaver Theatre in Minden, like many of their neighbours.

Bob Hoover, whose dad built their cottage with some carpenters in four days in 1968, remembers seeing his first James Bond movie at the Beaver Theatre. He's a seasonal resident at the Twelve Mile Lake cottage, travelling four hours from Atwood, Ont. to get to it.

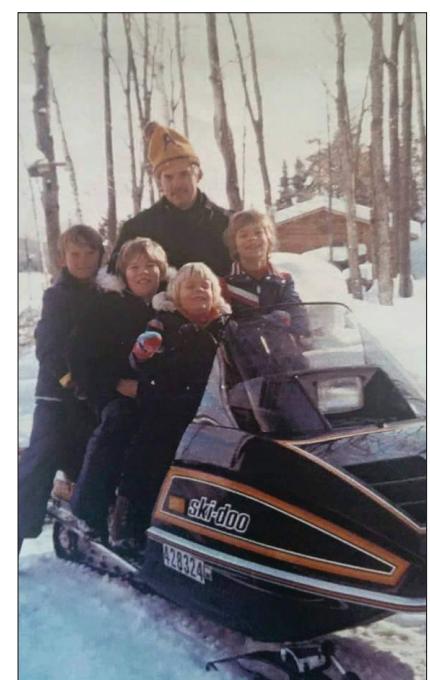
"I guess Dad must have done a good job, because when the tornado came through in 2006, two trees came down and slapped it like a fly swatter," he said. "She's sound. That's pretty good."

Larry Rainey, who became a permanent resident in 2005 in the cottage his dad built in the late '60s, said he remembers a lot of card playing – especially cribbage – around the table in the early years. His family has tried to keep up that tradition with what he called some "wild" games of Mexican train dominoes. He also remembers small lakeside shops and trips as a teenager to Medley's, the dance hall in Carnarvon. He remembers walks along the road with his family, and also a time when the roads took completely different routes.

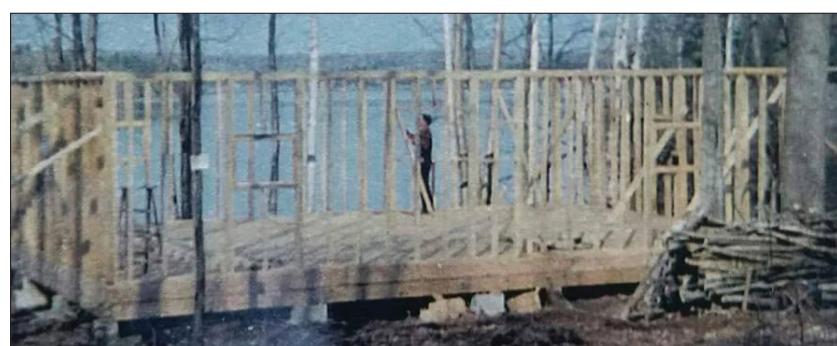
"Whenever I think, I have to take care of this or do that, every once in awhile I just remind myself of how fortunate we all are to have found this little stretch here, and to all still be here enjoying our families," he said. "It's a pretty nice spot. It's one way you feel really fortunate that your parents made the decisions they did."



Howard Allder stacking wood at his Twelve Mile Lake cottage in 1980.



Above, Howard Allder and "the boys" ready for a Ski-Doo ride.



Left, the cottage under construction in the late 1960s.

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"It's really mind-blowing with the amount of cottages sold and torn down and rebuilt," said Jim. "We want to keep it like it is. I think it's just a sense of pride, the history of it. There's a lot of tradition to it. It's probably the only thing since I was a kid that was consistent. You change jobs, girlfriends, we've moved, grown up, we're in different houses – but the cottage has always been the consistent thing. Dad built it, it'll stay the same."

"I've read of people that have let a family cottage go," said Rainey. "And have always regretted it for the rest of their lives, that they didn't find a way to hang on to it. That's in the back of my head all the time. As long as we can enjoy this place, and things work for everyone concerned, then you have to keep it going."

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"Your heart will thank you for it," promises Aggie's Authentic Lebanese Garlic Sauce owner Aggie Toole (aka the Garlic Goddess) was thankful to see so many familiar faces at the ninth annual Haliburton County Garlic Festival held at Abbey Gardens on Aug. 28. Hundreds gathered for what organizers – the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association – called "a celebration of the bulb."



"If in doubt, add more garlic," advises the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association. Their cookbook, More Recipes and Tips for Garlic Lovers, will show you how. Minden community kitchen volunteer Pat Tilley, left, manager and chairwoman of the community kitchen Marilynne Esperance and manager of Minden Food Centre Joanne Barnes provided a cooking demonstration starring the all powerful bulb.

Smell of success

Photos by Angela Long



Today's special: garlic and more garlic. Into the Blue Bakery's Cynthia Kocot serves up garlic pizza at Abbey Gardens. The ninth annual Haliburton County Garlic Festival star featured garlic oil, roasted garlic, parmesan, Monterey Jack and mozzarella.



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Left, Golfers Alex Roome, left, John O'Sullivan, former national and world champion figure skater Kurt Browning and Patrick O'Sullivan take a break from play during the sixth annual VDO (Volunteer Dental Outreach) Golf Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Blairhampton Golf Club in Minden Hills. The fundraising event, which raises money to provide dental care to those who would otherwise not be able to afford it, tied last year's record attendance with 148 golfers.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Below left, Brad Park of Haliburton watches his drive.



An advertisement for a movie night. It features a film strip border. Two frames are highlighted with red boxes and labeled "THOSE OTHER movies". The central frame is labeled "MOVIE NIGHTS". Below the film strip, the word "RACE" is written in bold capital letters. Underneath "RACE", it says "USA Drama - Stephan James Jeremy Irons". A short description follows: "This Jessie Owens biopic centred around the 1936 Olympics, is an enthralling film about courage, determination, tolerance, and friendship." Below this, the showtimes "Thursday September 8th 4:15 7:15" are listed, along with the price "\$10 at the door Season Pass:\$60 for 10 months". At the bottom, it says "Next month: Dark Horse", the phone number "705 286 3696", the website "www.haliburton-movies.com", and the location "Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion".

Above, Jere Pike of Algonquin Highlands sends his putt to the hole for the putting contest at the sixth annual VDO Golf Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 25.



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WRITER'S CORNER

Vignettes from life: The quality of forgiveness

by PETER WALFORD-DAVIS
Special to The Times

He wandered aimlessly across the field, chewing a blade of grass, seemingly oblivious to the songs of the birds, or the carpet of colourful wild flowers at his feet. Overhead the white clouds scudded silently on their ordained courses across the heavens.

Reaching the upper end of the field, he perched on the snake-rail fence, and looked back the way he'd come. Beyond the field stood the barn, and the farmhouse, with a winding driveway leading to the road. In the distance he could just barely see the cars, almost hidden by a cloud of dust, as it made its way to the main road that ran towards the city.

"Children," he muttered to himself. "What are you going to do with them? Try to give them love, and years of doing for them. When they are little, they break your arms, and when they get older, they break your heart."

Suddenly he stiffened, for out of the corner of his eye, he saw Mama skunk, and two little ones waddling into view from under the fence. She was angrily chattering about something, pushing the youngsters with her

nose. Turning, she retreated back under the fence, only to reappear shoving a third recalcitrant youngster.

"Guess you have problems too, Mama skunk." He mused, as he watched them continue on their way. Overhead, the song of the birds struck discordant notes, as two of them, wheeling and diving, sought to drive away a larger bird that had obviously invaded their territory, possibly threatening the nest.

Screeching with anger, they drove the interloper off. "Ah, the problems of parenthood." He pondered. "Protecting, feeding, caring, educating, – trying to meet their every need – then they turn on you. What gratitude! Got to have their own way, and if you don't let them have it, you don't understand them.

"What to do? Guess being a teenager is no cake walk either. Half boy and half man – neither really."

A rustling in the bush behind him broke his train of thought. Turning slowly, he glimpsed a spotted back as a young fawn nibbled its way into view, followed by its mother, accompanied by a magnificent stag at her side. Striking a pose, he looked over at the man on the fence, shook his great head, simply stood watching. The man and the stag looked at each other, the animal was beauteous to behold, with haughty countenance, he ob-

served this mere mortal. Just then, the little fawn lowered its head and charged its lordly parent in playful jest, almost knocking him over. The haughtiness vanished like a burst bubble!

He laughed out loud, in spite of himself, and the lord of the forest, with a toss of his head roughly shepherded the overzealous fawn into the bush, and out of sight. "Guess there will always be ups and downs raising children, and the children will wonder what we adults expect from them. Much patience and love needed, also respect. Of course, ground rules when established early, soften the growing difficulties. Pondering the complexities of parenthood, he shook his head and started for home.

Walking back across the field to the house he noticed that the car was back in the yard beside the barn. "Funny, I didn't see him come back." He thought.

"Sorry, Dad" were the first words blurted out as he entered the kitchen. His wife sat smiling at him in the corner, beside her, a single red rose sat in a bud vase.

"We're sorry too, son," he said. "There are times when it gets difficult, and we lose our tempers, and don't think too straight. But, I do believe we can talk through it when we love on another enough." His son nodded in

assent.

Sitting down at the kitchen table he related his experiences in the field. They laughed at his description of the antics of the little fawn. All tension fled the house and love ruled again. Mother said, "guess I'd better start supper, got some hungry mouths to feed."

"Do you need any help tomorrow with those fences in the upper field, Dad?" his son asked. "If you could give me a couple of hours, I think we can get the job finished."

"Yes, thanks son!"

Mama skunk and her troublesome trio returned from their foraging, passing by the place where he had watched them. One little one began exploring off by himself, closely followed by his ever vigilant mother who once again shepherded him back to his siblings. You could almost hear her say, "a mother's work is never done."

It is interesting to note that the two most important jobs in our daily lives do not seem to require courses of study. That of parenting, and that of politicking. For everything else one has to take courses of study in order to qualify. But if we take the trouble to train up a son or daughter in the way that they should go, when they are older, they will not depart from it. Sound familiar?

Glow

Editor's note: this poem was written about Minden's Festival of the August Moon, which took place Aug. 18 along the Gull River

The lantern of Moon dangling up in Sky,
casting its glow on the river of souls flowing
along the silver water,
swathed in paper skin, lit from within,
by hands that still remember the warmth of
their touch,
the smell of their hair, the stream of their
voices gurgling in their ears,
memories untarnished by years.
Fingers grasping for brushes, eyes searching
for the perfect shade to
camouflage the blankness with strokes and
splatters and wisps of paint,
capturing the memory of a moment or a
Life,
with a single sweep of the brush,
that births trees and sun and lake and Sky,
places where the soul still glimmers and
shines,
long after it's released from its shroud of
flesh,

to flow down the river,
serenaded by the Moon and the silence of
those who stand on the bank and
place their painted lanterns into the water,
a baptism for the dead, a resurrection for
the living,
who release their sorrow as they watch the
lanterns float,
in clusters or alone,
along the silver thread of river,
a small hand pointing out towards a lantern
that's splashed the blue of summer Sky,
across its skin, the word,
Mummy.
How the lanterns all bloom beneath August
Moon,
its glow reflected in the faces of those who
remain behind,
the girl's eyes glistening with light,
illuminating
the temple of Night.

Sylvie Kalenda
August 2016

Camper's Almanac

Haliburton Highlands. Today, at 8 a.m., at 9 a.m. and still at 10 a.m., the sun has yet to break through. Mist and fog engulf the lake. I'll use the reliable "camper's almanac" as my trusted guide. I'll wait and see until after 10:30 a.m., until after clean up.

Barb Rosen's show Chair Yoga on the Air every Monday at 6 a.m.,

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By Barb Rosen

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Housing corporation looks to county for cash

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation is looking for nearly \$150,000 from the County of Haliburton as it proceeds with the second phase of an affordable housing complex outside Haliburton Village.

The corporation intends to proceed with a \$1-million expansion of the Whispering Pines complex, located at 4977 County Road 21.

As 24-unit apartment building was constructed at the former work yard in 2013 and the second phase of the development would include the construction of 12 town homes – six with two bedrooms and six with three – in two separate buildings.

Housing corporation CEO Hope Lee had visited Dysart et al council on Monday, Aug. 22, requested that various municipal fees –

for sewer connection, planning, etc. – be waived and that property taxes be reduced. This is standard procedure for developments operated by the housing corporation, which are designed to be financially self-sufficient once they are built and inhabited.

A couple of units in the second phase of the Whispering Pines development will be rented at a market rate, while the rest will go to tenants on the corporation's list of those requiring affordable housing.

Lee was in Haliburton County council chambers on Aug. 24, giving the upper-tier council an overview of the project and requesting a cash contribution from the municipality in the amount of \$144,000.

"We're just at very high-level, conceptual plans right now," Lee told councillors of the project, on which construction is scheduled to begin in spring of 2018.

The county contributed \$100,000 to the first Whispering Pines building and another \$100,000 to the 12-unit affordable housing building being constructed near the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

For the Whispering Pines townhouses, the housing corporation will contribute \$150,000 from reserves, the remainder of the money coming from provincial and federal funding sources.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts asked Lee what would happen if bids came in higher than expected once a tender for the project is released.

Lee said the date of construction had been taken into account when conducting the feasibility study for the project, but if that happened, then the housing corporation would have to turn to its board of directors, as well as Haliburton County and Dysart et al

councils.

The housing corporation will require a building permit by March 31, 2018, and intends to begin construction shortly thereafter.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt noted the financial contributions the county has made to projects in Dysart et al and Minden Hills and indicated that at some point, projects in the county's other two townships – Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East – would likely require funding from the upper tier.

"There's a bit of an accruing contribution that has been made for two townships," said Moffatt, who recently indicated that an EMS would likely be required in Algonquin Highlands before long.

A staff report will come back to county council in September so councillors can figure out options for providing the funding.

Renovations to make county office more accessible

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County will embark on a series of renovations to its administration building on Newcastle Street in Minden designed to make the facility more accessible.

"For starters, we intend to open up a new reception area," county engineering summer student Jordan Howe told county councillors

as he presented the plans during an Aug. 24 meeting.

Social services for the county, previously located in the Newcastle Street building, were recently relocated to Haliburton Village, freeing up space on the building's main floor.

The plan is to open up the front entrance, creating a passageway that will lead to a new reception area, complete with a counter that will accommodate both standing and seated

visitors.

A small meeting area, information board area and a more direct route to the elevator through the reception area will also be provided.

Upstairs the biggest change will be transforming the existing male and female washrooms into two, single-use, gender-neutral, accessible washrooms, complete with power buttons for automated closing.

There will also be a reconfiguring of the lunchroom area and if there's enough money left in the project's \$100,000 budget, new carpeting, chairs and paint may also be included for some parts of the building.

Chief administrative officer Mike Rutter also told councillors that use of the building's public-access computers has dropped dramatically since social services left the building and that data would be provided to council so it could make a decision about the machines.

Some staff quarters will also be rearranged, including moving those employees most frequently visited by members of the public close to entrances.

Rutter estimated that 90 per cent of visitors to the building are there to see either planning or public works staff.

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Community Events

Corn Roast.

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Where: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake

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When: Saturday September 3, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where: Gooderham United Church

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When: Wednesday, September 14, 10:30 am to Noon

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When: September 17, 2016 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Where: West Guilford Community Centre

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Where Zion United Church, Carnarvon

Followed by entertainment

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When: Sunday September 18, 9:00 am

Guest Speaker Maxine Reid, Music by Zion Choir

Followed by refreshments. Everyone Welcome!

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Lunch & Learn with Janet Heffer

Madagascar: Evolution Gone Wild

When: Wednesday, Sept. 21/1, 12:00 pm buffet lunch
13:00 pm presentation

Where: The Community Room (beside Sears on Hwy 118)

Price: 20.00/per (cash or cheques only)

Tickets Available: Call rozanne at 705-854-0444 (tickets sales end Sept. 18th)

HALIBURTON COUNTY: S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program

When: Wednesday, September 21, 3 pm.

STOP Program supports smokers trying to quit by providing them with five weeks of nicotine patches at no cost. Smokers will also get educational material and other resources to help them in the quitting process. To see if you are eligible, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 or (705) 457-1391.

HALIBURTON: Food Handler Course

When: Thursday, September 22, 9 am to 5 pm

Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton. This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

Focus on improving the world



The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE heard ...

I was walking across the bridge on Bobcaygeon Road one day, and I saw a man standing on the edge, about to jump off. I immediately ran over and said "Stop! Don't do it!" "Why shouldn't I?" he said. I said, "Well, there's so much to live for!" "Like what?" "Well ... are you religious or atheist?" "Religious." "Me too! Are you Christian or Jewish?" "Christian." "Me too! Are you Roman Catholic or Protestant?" "Protestant." "Me too! Are you Anglican, Baptist or United?" "United." "Wow! Me too! Are you Affirming United or Covenanting United?" "Affirming United." To which I said, "Die, heretic scum!" and pushed him off.

The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE also heard Rev. Max say that ...

A warm summer greeting to you all; no matter your religious affiliation or none at all. I hope my little joke didn't strike too closely to a nerve for too many of you out there. I am very supportive of the Affirming movement and appreciative of the dedication and faithfulness of the Covenanting movement too. I don't really like drawing all these lines of distinction between people of faith and no religion in particular. As some of you may recall from my message a short while ago, I care more about life on Earth and how we can improve it for everyone than who ultimately had all the right words to say and figured out what Heaven is supposed to be like. I think it is an impossible task to completely know the will of God, yet it is still worth the regular pursuit in trying to understand how we are to live and act in the world today. Although the Christian Scriptures are ancient and full of time sensitive issues that seem irrelevant today, as a Christian, I still find much wisdom can be teased out and applied to our reality in the present time. Take for instance this portion of 1st Thessalonians 5:12-18, entitled - The Way He Wants You to Live. 12-13 And now, friends, we ask you to honour those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love! 13-15 Get along among yourselves, each of you doing your part. Our counsel is that you warn the freeloaders to get a move on. Gently encourage the stragglers, and reach out for the exhausted, pulling them to their feet. Be patient with each person, attentive to individual needs. And be careful that when you get on each other's nerves you don't snap at each other. Look for the best in each other, and always do your best to bring it out. 16-18 Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live. This is in part why I strive to be a committed Christian in the community.

Yet perhaps the central reason I remain faithful to Christianity and attend church at this particular moment in history is the anguish I feel for the world. I am speaking of anguish about and for the world, in both concrete and abstract terms. It's the concrete anguish we feel every day when we open the newspaper for the update on the war in Syria. It's that anguish that comes with hearing the news of the latest teen to take her life due to cyber bullying, or being reminded that we live in the "poorest" county in all of Ontario. And it is the abstract anguish we feel when we think about the world that coming generations will inherit from us, because of us – because of what we have done and what we have not done.

I deal with this recognition in many ways, emotionally and intellectually, politically and personally but part of how I cope is found in church. I go to church, I am part of a religious tradition. By religion, I don't mean, of course, a rigid obsession with doctrine that is imposed on people. I don't mean the kind of religion that closes off questions and closes down the mind. I don't mean a religion that hardens our hearts to others or lets us grow soft in our commitment to justice. For me, religion is a place and a space, it is people and relationships. Religion, partly, is a church building, a place where I can attend. And in that place, we try to create a space to work through our struggles together. Religion is a group of people

who are engaged in a common struggle, a structure for creating relationships that are crucial to keeping us on track and looking forward with hope for a better world.

Yes, church and religion has its problems. Yet the best of religion helps me in my struggles, in my quest to stay focused living not just for myself but for the greater good of the community. Over and over again, Scripture reminds us of how to do this, such as in 1st Thessalonians 5:12-18 above. For me, these few verses are a reminder of the need to always see the joy in life and never forget the struggle of life. That is not easy to do, and for me, religion helps. Church helps remind me there is something beyond, something bigger, but that our work is here in our community and also reaching out to other communities around the world. That work has never been more important as we face the reality of life on the slope downward.

Now, people may laugh at apocalyptic talk of the end times, but we are living in times that are marked by systems and ways of living that are coming to an end. It is the end of the empire, the end of cheap energy, the end of careless and care-free consumption, the end of so much that we have come to take for granted in the affluent world. The problem is that the unraveling of those systems and ways of living is likely to bring immense suffering and destruction – beyond the levels we already see today – if not in our lifetimes then most certainly in the generations after us. If we can watch that and not feel anguish, then we will have already surrendered our own humanity. To be human today – to live fully alive – is to embrace that anguish. We all need a philosophy, a theology, a worldview to deal with this. Call it Christianity, call it whatever you like, so long as you answer the call to live your own life in solidarity, as love in action. That task has never been easy for people, and it has never been harder than in the anguish of end times. We cannot know what lies ahead, we can only love and act today. No matter what lies ahead, we can rejoice always and we can pray without ceasing no matter who we are, United Church of Canada Christian or not. Blessings. Rev. Max Ward

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MINDEN UNITED CHURCH

Thursday, Sept. 8 at 12 p.m.- Diner's Club Seniors Dinner 705-286-2870

Sunday, Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. at Zion United there is a joint service celebrating Zion's 125th Anniversary of Ministry. Speaker past president of conference, refreshments- All welcome!

Sunday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m.- Sunday service/ "Joyful Noisemakers"/ Lunch

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*Rev. Max Ward – Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. – 705-286-1470 (Sunday Services 11 a.m.)

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Kinmount Fair happening this weekend

AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse the atmosphere remains subdued. Arriving downstairs in the morning I still expect to be nattered at by the old cat Clarence and sometimes think I catch a glimpse of him from the corner of my eye. While this notion of course comes from the heart and not the head it is still comforting. Two grandsons are headed back to school Ben into Grade 7 and Austin into third year Journalism at Centennial College. For Ben hockey has already started and at age 12 games are later in the evening. Going back to school was a favourite time of year for both Bruce and I. We warmly remember years back carefully labelling each new high school subject notebook in our best script and memorizing locker combinations. Later years the Kinmount Fair was always eagerly anticipated by the whole family with the biggest challenge trying to remember which of the children did not do well on the midway rides and one year retrieving their hapless goldfish won as prizes but at considerable risk in their small glass bowls during the bumpy ride home along the back roads.

Speaking of the Kinmount Fair this year there will be two familiar faces missing in the Pioneer/Heritage Exhibit. Artist Robert MacBrien who also painted under the name J. Paul passed away at home this past Sunday evening in his 91st year. His wife Ruth would normally be found wearing her beautiful hat seated in the parlour or on the front porch of the pioneer home display demonstrating traditional tatting skills taught to her as a child by her grandmother. This year she will be caring for her family and with her strong faith supporting them through this difficult time. Bob and Ruth's family's volunteer involvement at the fair extended more recently to include daughter Lois and granddaughter Beth also an accomplished artist. Bob and Ruth were founding members of the Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild and in 2016 were made the first Honourary Members of that organization. Both were actively involved at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. Bob was a "people person" and a gifted teacher who enjoyed sharing his talent with others. His dedicated service to his community through many areas of volunteerism has been much valued, appreciated and remembered.

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday Sept. 21 at the Lions Hall, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. the speaker will be a return engagement with Barbara Tose. Barbara's topic will be the Merchant marine Records and high-

lighted by her great-grand-uncle's "adventure" losing his ship in the mid-Atlantic during a huge storm in 1926. Everyone is most welcome to attend and there is no charge. For more information contact Gail at 705-286-2225.

The Victoria County Studio Tour, a free self-guided tour, invites visitors to several studios throughout the Kawartha Lakes. Over two weekends September 24-25 and October 1-2 these venues will be open providing an opportunity to view and purchase original works of art. Each studio is offering a ballot for a chance to win a \$200 gift certificate. Local artist Brenda Mulholland's Studio [705-488-1574] is located at 421 Somerville 9th Concession, Burnt River west on the 9th Concession off CR121 south of Kinmount. Brenda's work which celebrates Ontario's woodlands, people and pets in many media can be viewed online at www.brendamulholland.com and at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. Her full watercolour or pencil and ink sketches of homes, cottages and favourite pets make a wonderful gift. Brochures for the tour are available at local businesses, on the website vestudiotour.com or by contacting 705-887-2229.

With no blossoms left the hummingbird has been looking for his porch feeder. The least I can do is fill it again in preparation for his incredible journey south. Enjoy this last week of August and September's arrival. Remember to keep busy and well, they go together...

County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Aug. 22 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Nettie Butterworth 6,130, Willie Cox 6,000, Ev Morgan 5,350 and Ross Davies 5,190 with Joy Wilson awarded the Lucky Loonie.

Aug. 23 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that Gerald Bergin was first with 5,800 then Heather Harrington 5,650 and Jim Taylor 5,040. Jim teamed up with Alan Bayliss and Heather with Glenna Bayliss for Small Slams.

Aug. 23 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading representing the ladies was Tom Grix 286 followed by Dorothy McElwain 284, Georgina Parkes 249 and Pat Roussel 234. First for the gents at 320 was Pat Scadden then Theresa Deak 305, Howard Smith 279 and Kevin Maloney 276. Pat Roussel won the major draw with Kevin Maloney, Tom Grix and Dwaine Lloyd claiming the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar further reports that Tom Grix, Dwaine Lloyd, Dorothy McElwain, Archie Ross, Pearl Cowen and Howard Smith along with Marcel and Pat Roussel took the moonshots.,

Aug. 24 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Vange Croucher partnered with our bridge reporter Margo Davidson 61 percent, Art Steed and B. Young 57 percent and Mary Johnson teamed with Carol McCord 52 percent. Leading in East/West were Rod Smyth and Ross Davies 59 percent, Gord Cochrane partnered with Peter O'Connor 55 percent and Tom and Dorothy Howat 52 percent.

Aug. 25 euchre at Minden Legion: Holding the most lone hands were Margina Bower and Kaye Bull with Theresa Deak and Tom Bradshaw posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Blanche Carr and Warren Hueson while Linda Hopkins won the draw and took home another prize along with Blanche Carr and our reporter Betty Wagar.

Aug. 25 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that the leading ladies were Jean Scadden 245, Maria Tschida 231, tied for third at 202 Pearl Cowen and Donna Darby and Joyce Broersma 196. First for the gents at 292 was Karen Chapman followed by Pat Scadden 222, Jesse Barlow 210 and Doug McIntosh 206. Jean Scadden held the hidden score with Jesse Barlow winning the card draw and Karen Chapman call 1. There were four moonshots landing on Wayne Jones, Archie Ross, Donna Darby and Kevin Maloney.

Aug. 26 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Topping the North/South charts were Jean Collins and Margo Davidson 58 percent, Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies 58 percent and Mary Johnson partnered with Judy Neumann 56 percent. First in East/West at 61 percent were Fran and Norm Smith followed by Sheila Bailey partnered with Rod Smyth 58 percent and Milton and Shirley Barry 55 percent.

Aug. 29 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were Mary Trumbull and Lil Mann with Judy Reddy and Lyn Preston posting the high scores. Lorna Hicks had the afternoon's low score while Kay Godden took home the special prize and Gail Nicholson visited with the skunk. Reporter Tim Sharpe reminds that there will not be cards at the Friendship Club next Monday due to the Labour Day holiday.

Aug. 29 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Top marks went to our reporter Rose Isaacson at 272 then Dana Briscoe 271 and Sam Gaudet 238. Jesse Barlow won the draw while Dana Briscoe had the single moonshot over the afternoon. Rose also reminds that there will not be cards on the Labour Day Monday.

Aug. 29 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Shirley Howe won for high hands, Judy Reddy for lone hands, our reporter Sherin Brown for low hands and Jan Hueson for the special prize.

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With the trees set to change colours as fall arrives, local smokers are also being encouraged to turn over a new leaf when it comes to quitting tobacco.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is partnering with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health to bring the Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients (STOP) Program to Northumberland County, Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes this fall. STOP is a unique quit-smoking program that provides resources and five weeks of nicotine patches free-of-charge to smokers, with the goal of helping more people quit for good.

The STOP Program is being offered in the Health Unit region. People can take part in any of these one-day sessions as follows:

- In Northumberland County on Sept. 14, Oct. 1 and Nov. 26.
- In the City of Kawartha Lakes on Sept. 14, Nov. 19 and Dec. 8.
- In Haliburton County on Sept. 21 and Oct. 26.

To find out more about STOP and to see if they qualify for the program, local residents are encouraged to call the Health Unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577.

"We are very excited to be working with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health to bring the STOP Program back to our area, especially when it can directly benefit smokers who are trying to quit," says Karen Taylor, a Public Health Nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit.

Research shows that the use of patches and other nico-

tine replacement therapy can more than double the chances of people becoming smoke-free, adds Jennifer Valcamp, a Health Promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Nicotine patches are very effective, but can be expensive for some people," she adds. "The fact that patches are free through the STOP Program is just another reason to call to see if you qualify for them."

Since its inception in 2005, the STOP Program has provided free smoking cessation medication and counseling support to thousands of Ontarians who wanted to quit smoking.

Submitted

Best ball golf tournament coming soon



LEGION BR. 636

At the end of May, the membership of the Minden Legion chose the officers and executive that will steer the Branch for 2016 – 17. Members of the executive oversee the committees responsible for the operation of the branch and activities most of which are open to the members of the public.

Our popular lunches are served from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Monday to Thursday with battered fish and chips as well as

wings and onion rings on Fridays. There is a liver lovers special on Tuesday as well as the regular menu, a butcher quality meat draw every Wednesday and don't forget the battered fish and chips dinner on Fridays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 10 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Highland Trio will entertain. There is no cover charge and all are welcome.

Saturday, Sept. 17 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. we are hosting a karaoke night.

Sept. 19 is our Best Ball Golf Tournament at the Beaverbrook Golf Course. \$50 p/p with a shotgun start at 12 noon. Fee includes nine holes, carts, lunch and prizes.

Registration is at the Legion Hall.

This year, Legion Week is Sept. 18 to 24 and Decoration Day is Sept. 18 at 1:30 p.m. The ceremony provides the community an opportunity to pay tribute to the Veterans who served king and country now laid at rest in the Minden Cemetery and will be followed by a reception at the Legion.

If attending the Kinmount Fair on Saturday, Sept. 3, you'll see our Colour Party marching in the Warriors' Day Parade.

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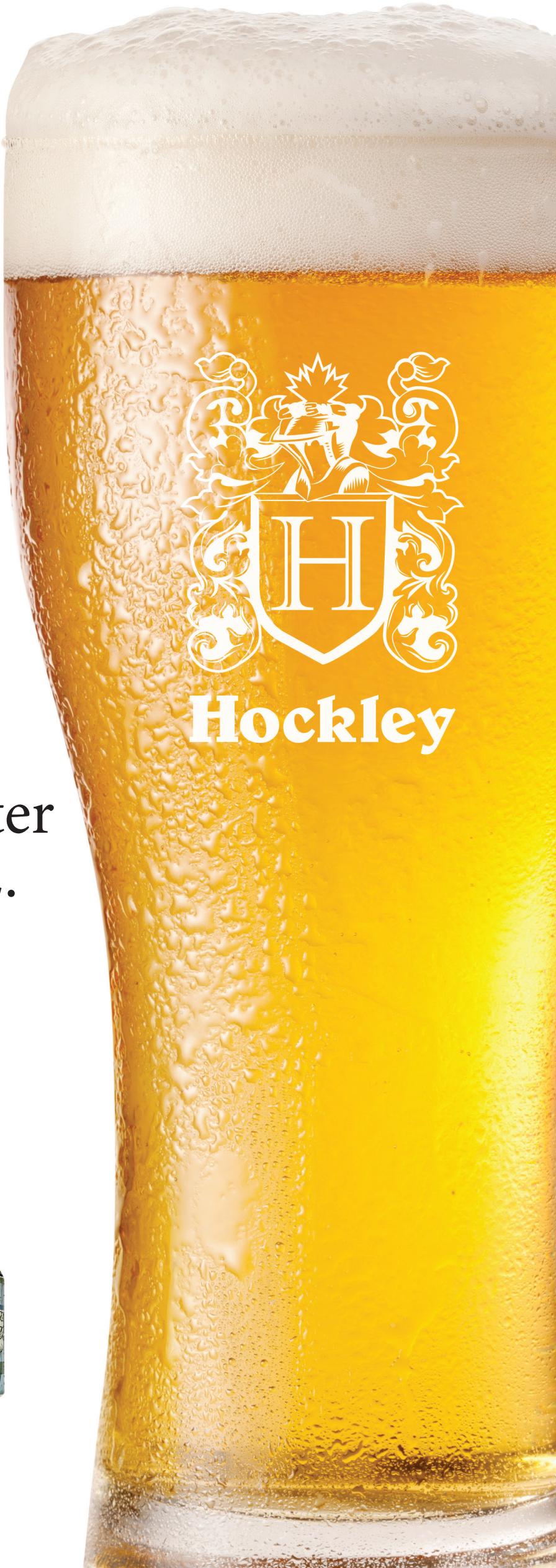
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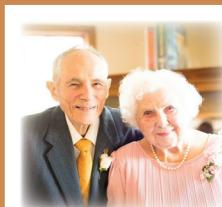
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Robert MacBrien (Bob),
 September 10, 1925 - August 28, 2016
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 on earth peacefully at home in his
 family's arms on August 28, 2016.



He is survived by his loving wife Ruth of 66 years,
 his sons Paul, James, and John, his daughters Cathie, and Lois,
 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren,
 many nieces and nephews.
 Robert is survived by two sisters Betty and Gwen.
 (brother Doug predeceased.)
 Funeral arrangements at Haliburton Community Funeral Home,
 Saturday Sept 3, 2016.
 He will be missed by our community, friends and family.

In Loving Memory of

Mary Anne Boudreau

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest, Minden on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, with her loving family by her side. At the age of 85.

Beloved wife of Charles Thomas Boudreau for 61 years. Dear sister of Stella Crothers, predeceased by her sisters Ann and Jean, and by her brothers Bill and Mike. Fondly remembered by her sister-in-law Marjorie Lavelle, by her brother-in-law Clarence (Evelyn) Boudreau and by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Memorial Mass to Celebrate Mary's Life will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 11:00 am. Reception will follow in the Church Hall. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer Society or to the Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Hazel Maxwell

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge on Saturday morning, August 27, 2016 in her 88th year.



Beloved wife of the late Aubrey Maxwell (1988). Loving mother of Malcolm (Sherry Allen), Lois, Bonnie, Cheryl (Rich Howe), Diane Percy, Susie (Gord Scheffee) and Cathy. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Leslie, Andy, Melanie, Julian, Gavin, Logan, Natalae, Elisa, Jessica, Jordana, Travis, Tamara and Robyn and many great grandchildren. Dear sister of Ruby, Effie and Heather. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Hazel enjoyed her gardening, curling, baking, sewing and most of all her family. When she was forty, she got her nursing diploma and worked at Hyland Crest and the Minden Hospital.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday morning, September 2, 2016 from 11 a.m. until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 12 o'clock (Noon). Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. Reception to follow in the Robert McCausland Memorial Centre, Gooderham. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Minden Hospital would be appreciated by family.

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In Loving Memory of

Robert "Rob" Noble Henry Young

Passed away peacefully at Sunnybrook Hospital on Monday August 22, 2016 with family at his side.

Beloved son of Bob and Marj Young (predeceased). Fondly remembered as the voice of Highland Communications. Survived by dear sister Connie (Don) and brother Scott (Suzanne Watts, partner). Loving Uncle of Katrina, Kyle (Keegan and Lennon) and Cassie, whom he thought the world of. A true inspiration to his second family: Nancy and Donna May Lee, Lorne and Janet, Derek and Janene, Wayne and Lianna Greer. Deeply missed by Jordyn, Jakob, Trista, Riley and Cooper Greer.

Friends and family are invited to attend a Service to Celebrate Rob's Life that will be held at the Pinestone Resort [Ballroom], 4252 Haliburton County Rd. 21, Haliburton on Saturday September 10th, 2016 at 1:00 pm. Refreshments to follow. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations in memory of Rob Young to Spinal Cord Injury Ontario would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of

K. Craige Kellett

(Former President of K-Line Maintenance and Construction Limited)
 Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Sunday, August 21, 2016, at the age of 83.

Beloved husband of Linda and predeceased by Carol. Dear father of Jim and Linda of Minden, Vicki and Dave of Scarborough. Step-father of Larry and Cheryl, LuAnn and Steve, Laurie and Brent. Loving grandpa of Morgan, Ariel, Miriam, Erin, Aidan, Jonathan, Andrew, Scott, Kurran, Lauren, Spencer and great grandpa of Carter and Oliver. Predeceased by 5 brothers and 5 sisters. Fondly remembered by his many family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, September 3, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Craige's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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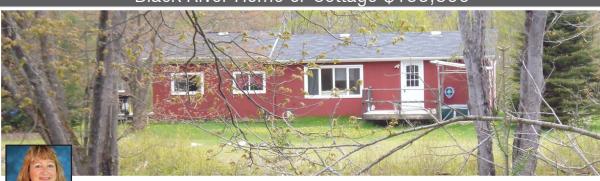


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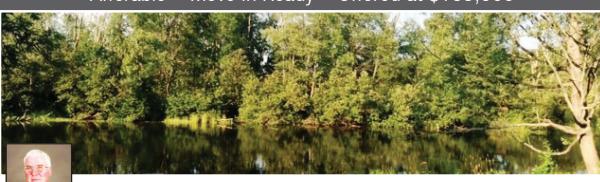
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